

KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

August 6, 2012

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:30.m. at the Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

Present:

Councilor Jeff Eddins, Councilor James Roberson

Staff Members Present:

Seth Lawless, Town Manager; Tony Lashley, Police Captain; Lawrence Capps, Police Captain; Tim

Guffey, Fire Chief

Discussion Ladder Truck

Chief Guffey stated the Ladder Truck is scheduled to go out on September 1st for repair. The repairs will be covered under warranty and the company has provided a loaner Ladder Truck until repairs are complete.

Discussion of Open House

Chief Guffey Explained that on October 6, the Fire Department will hold an Open House for their 10 year anniversary. This event will be open to the public.

Discussion of EMT

Starting on October 1, all employees of the Fire Department will be EMT Certified.

Discussion of EOP

Chief Guffey explained that the EOP is near completion, with only a few finalizations needed. He is waiting on Wake County to complete theirs to make sure we are compatible with them.

Discussion of Fire Department Call Volume

The Fire Department ran a record number of calls in the month of July.

Eddins inquired about any staffing issues

Chief Guffey stated that the volunteers were returning to the calls and there were no staffing issues.

Discussion of National Night Out

Captain Capps stated that National Night Out was scheduled for tomorrow, but there was a pretty high chance for rain. If the event had to be cancelled, we would reschedule on a later date

Discussion of Citizens Academy

Captain Capps said the department had received a half dozen applications for the Citizens Academy already. He explained that he was going to utilize National Night Out to advertise for the Academy and hopefully have a few more Citizens sign up for the event.

Discussion of New Employee

Captain Capps said Curtis Matthews has been given a conditional offer for employment with the department. He advised that Matthews has a background in Public Safety and would be an asset to the department.

Discussion of Current Cases

Captain Capps stated that over the weekend the officers held a license check on Lynnwood Rd and made an arrest on an individual that had over 3 lbs of marijuana and \$9,000 in cash. Also, Ayscue has made an arrest in a Credit Card Fraud case where he seized a truck full of merchandise and cash. Secret Service is assisting in the case. Capps also explained that the Domino's Murder Trial is underway and so far the case is going well. They are expecting the trial to last about 3 weeks.

Discussion of Rutledge Landing Annexation

Counselor Eddins asked both fire and police what the effects would be on their department if the Town annexed Phase II of Rutledge Landing.

Captain Lashley stated the average response time would be 8 min out and would increase our call volume by 2%. In order to maintain our expected call time the department would have to keep an officer on that side of town at all times.

Eddins inquired if more staffing would be needed.

Captain Lashley and Capps thought one more officer per shift would be needed to help cover that side of town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Town Manager or Admin. Asst.